TEXT:- Heb.9:22 And according to the law,I may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission.

THEME:- The Blood of Christ in the Light of the Nation's Blood.

INTRODUCTION:-The text before us states a general principle governing all things, which is that there can be no remission apart from the shedding of blood. It is not our intention to prove the principle but rather to apply it. Decoration Day is a memorial day, One day set apart for the honoring of the Nation's dead. We are to let the blood of the nation's braveand true speak to us today. And I would have it speak to us of the blood which Jesus Christ shed upon Calvary. I do not like the way we are fast getting into the habit of using our national and religious holidays for the mere purpose of pleasure-seeking and picnicing. It is true that there is something wholesome and healthy about a pleasure-loving people, but just as the hour set apart for the worship of God is no fitting time for levity so the day set apart for honoring of the nation's deadis no proper time for thoughtless pleasure-seeking. The 30th of May is not a picnic day but a memorial day. In the second plaee I make no apology for observing Memorial Day in connection with our regular worship. Patriotism and religion are not to be separated. It was thru the Nation Israel that God revealed himself to his people. It was by means of her national experiences that Israel learned her most valuable lessons. And so I believe that God can teach us lessons by means of our national experiences. In the third place I shall speak boldly concerning the shedding of blood. There are a lot of people who look with horror upon Calvary and who think it terrible to talk about the blood of Christ. A 5000-dollar-salaried clergyman of the Middle West advised me never to preach the blood of Christ. You might as well talk about the Civil War apart from the blood that was shed and the million lives that were sacrificed as to talk about Christ apart from Calvary.

BODY:-

I. The condition of the nation at the time of the Civil War.

1. The State exalted above the Federal government.

2. The slave traffic.

II. The cost of saving the nation.

1.In lives and suffering and property.

2. What these would doafor us now.

III. The result of the war.

1.The preservation of the Union.

2.Slavery abolished.

CONCLUSION.

The purpose of saving the nation.

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